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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR MEETS WITH ANTICORRUPTION DIRECTORATE CHIEF DANIEL MORAR
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Classified By: Political Counselor Theodore Tanoue for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

1. (C) Summary: In a May 14 meeting, National Anticorruption Directorate Chief Daniel Morar described to Ambassador the negative effects of re
2. (C) The Ambassador met with Daniel Morar, Chief of Romania's National Anticorruption Directorate (DNA), on May 14 to discuss the effects of
3. (C) Morar thanked the Ambassador for the Embassy's attention to the DNA's anticorruption work and for the training and technical equipment
Parliament's Offensive Against Anticorruption Efforts
4. (C) Morar explained his and Prosecutor General Codruta Kovesi's recent refusal to appear before a parliamentary commission on wire tapping,
5. (C) Morar said the parliament was debating a controversial draft law that would create a single agency with sole rights to conduct all wire
6. (C) Morar also briefed the Ambassador on the effects of a recent law that decriminalized certain types of bank fraud. He said that the DNA
Justice Minister Chiuariu's Dismissal of the DNA Deputy Chief
7. (C) Ambassador asked DNA Chief Morar what the effects were of Justice Minister Chiuariu's May 8 request for the dismissal of the DNA Deputy
8. (C) Morar commented indirectly on the Social Democrats' (PSD) initiative to return the authority to appoint and remove key prosecutors from
9. (C) Morar warned that besides changing prosecutors, the new Minister of Justice could put pressure on prosecutors by merging the DNA with t
Anticorruption Prosecutors Feeling Vulnerable
10.(C) In response to the Ambassador's question, DNA Chief Morar said he did not personally feel threatened, but as head of the institution he
11.(C) Comment: Officials at the DNA were very appreciative of the Embassy's 5/14 press release underscoring our support for anticorruption eff
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